Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I take it that the Government are going to give representation to labour interests on the Port Trust Board?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It is too early to say that."

Prisons and Prisoners

Unparliamentary remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons against a non-official visitor to the Bellary Jail. 11-15 a.m.

* 244 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Local Government was appealed to by Dr. M. Sitarama Sarma, medical practitioner and non-official visitor to the Bellary Jail, against certain uncalled for and provocative and unparliamentary remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons against him; if so, whether the hon. the Law Member will be pleased to place a copy of the said appeal and enclosures sent with it on the table of the House; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government refused to take any action on the said representations made by the said non-official visitor, dated 24th January 1932?

A.—(*a*) A representation was made to Government by Mr. M. Sitarama Sarma protesting against certain remarks of the Inspector-General of Prisons. The answer to the second part is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know if the Government will furnish any reason for their non-interference?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Government thought that it was not necessary to interfere."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" May I know whether the non-official visitor still continues to be a visitor of the jail?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I believe he does not."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—" May I know what those remarks were?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It is not in the public interests to publish those remarks."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—" Have the Government satisfied themselves that these remarks were not provocative?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The Government have satisfied themselves."

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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"Do not the Government think that if honorary visitors are treated like this, it would prevent them from discharging their duties impartially?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Certainly it would not prevent right-minded persons from discharging their duties properly."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know what was the reply given to Dr. Sitarama Sarma by the Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No reply was given as far as I can remember now."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"If the Government are not willing to place the whole complaint on the table will they at least give a gist of the complaint?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know why no reply was given to the representation made by Mr. Sitarama Sarma?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The Government did not consider that it was necessary to give a reply to that kind of representation."

Alleged issue of an order by the Government for rigorous treatment of Civil Disobedience prisoners.

* 245-A *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether at the Conference of Collectors held on 18th May 1932, the question of discipline among civil disobedience prisoners was discussed;

(*b*) whether any proposal was made at the meeting to take special measures against this class of prisoners;

(*c*) whether any decision was arrived at in regard to this question and what the decision was;

(*d*) whether any order has been issued by the Government to the Inspector-General of Prisons on the basis of this decision ordering that no discrimination should be made in favour of civil disobedience prisoners and whether the Government will be pleased to place the text of the order on the table;

(*e*) whether any order has been issued by the Inspector-General of Prisons to Superintendents of Jails stating that A and B class prisoners should be "kept in their place and dealt with grimly;" and

(*f*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the orders issued by the Government and the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding the treatment of civil disobedience prisoners?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) No special measures against prisoners convicted of offences connected with the civil disobedience movement were contemplated. Orders have been issued by the